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FOLLOWING IS KEYED TO ORDER OF QUESTIONS IN REFTEL AND REPRESENTS
JUDGMENTS OF COUNTRY TEAM WITH EXCEPTION OF AID REP WHO OUT OF
COUNTRY:

1. YOUTH CATEGORIES

A. LEADER TYPES

POLITICAL LEADERS 15 PER CENT

BUREAUCRATS 30 PER CENT

PROFESSIONALS IN:

- MEDIA 5 PER CENT

- LAW 5 PER CENT

- MEDICINE 5 PER CENT

- EDUCATION 10 PER CENT

- ARTS AND LETTERS 5 PER CENT

LEADERS OF NATIONAL YOUTH

ORGANIZATIONS 10 PER CENT

UNIVERSITY STUDENT LEADERS 10 PER CENT

UNIVERSITY OF BOTSWANA,

LESOTHO AND SWAZILAND (ROMA) 5 PER CENT

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B. RATIONALE: EMPHASIS ON GOVERNMENT AND UNIVERSITY EDUCATION LEADERS BASED ON FACT MOST OF TALENTED YOUTH IN EDUCATION SYSTEM, ESPECIALLY UBLS, IS DRAWN TO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT WHICH CONSTITUTES BIGGEST WAGE SECTOR. CONNECTION BETWEEN EDUCATION AND CHANCES OF ATTAINING MIDDLE OR HIGH- LEVEL POSITIONS IN GOVERNMENT IS HIGH AND INCREASING.

MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES HAVE YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS WHICH HAVE WIELDED CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE AND FROM WHICH TALENT IS DRAWN INTO LEADERSHIP OF PARTIES. LAWYERS ARE POLITICALLY CONSCIOUS AND NUMBER PLAY DIRECT OR INDIRECT ROLE IN POLITICS. THEIR NUMBER IS INCREASING AND IT CAN BE EXPECTED THEIR INFLUENCE WILL LIKEWISE INCREASE.

C. SHORT- TERM YOUTH IMPACT: NO; YOUTH LEADERS WILL HAVE LONG- TERM IMPACT MAINLY AS THEY ARE ABSORBED IN GOVERNMENT OR OPPOSITION PARTIES. FYI, BASIC ORIENTATION OF ALL PARTIES IS BASICALLY NOT RPT NOT ANTI- U. S. THIS SHAPED IN PART BY REALITIES OF LESOTHO' S ENCLAVE POSITION VIS- A- VIS REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA AND FAVORABLE IMAGE OF U. S. EVEN AMONG OPPOSITION. END FYI.

II. OBJECTIVES

A. GOALS

- ASSURE ACCESS TO KEY FUTURE LEADERSHIP 35 PER CT
- DEVELOP INFLUENTIAL RELATIONSHIPS 15 PER CT
- PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING OF BROAD UMS.
GOALS AND POLICIES 15 PER CT
- MAINTAIN FAVORABLE ATTITUDES TOWARD U. S. 10 PER CT
- INFLUENCE ATTITUDES ON SPECIFIC U. S.
INTERESTS IN COUNTRY AND REGION 5 PER CT
- STRENGTHEN MODERATE, DEMOCRATIC GROUPS
AND INDIVIDUALS 5 PER CT
- ENCOURAGE COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRATIC
PROCESSES 5 PER CT
- UNDERSTAND AND FOLLOW INCIPIENT POLITI-
CAL AND SOCIAL TRENDS 10 PER CT

B. RATIONALE: IN LESOTHO THERE IS MUCH GOOD WILL TOWARDS U. S. NEED FOR CREATING UNDERSTANDING ARISES IN CONNECTION WITH ISSUES INVOLVING WHITE MINORITY REGIMES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND ISSUES INVOLVING ASPIRATIONS OF LDC' S. IN VIEW OF RESERVOIR OF

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GOOD WILL, ACCESS TO FUTURE LEADERSHIP IS MOST IMPORTANT GOAL, WHICH, OF COURSE, OVERLAPS WITH OTHER GOALS.

III. RESOURCES

A. MOST EFFECTIVE

- CU INTERNATIONAL VISITOR TRAVEL GRANTS 20 PER CT
- CU EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL GRANTS 15 PER CT

AMERICAN PROFESSORS	10 PER CT
CU SHORT TERM AMERICAN GRANTEES	15 PER CT
AID TRAINING PROGRAM	20 PER CT
USIA CULTURAL AND INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMMING	20 PER CT

B. IMPROVEMENTS: GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN AID TRAINING WOULD BE USEFUL. MANY REQUESTS MUST BE TURNED DOWN BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT RELATED TO SPECIFIC USAID PROGRAMS IN LESOTHO.

C. PRIVATE RESOURCES: AMERICAN FIELD SERVICE, YOUTH FOR UNDERSTANDING, ETC., SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO INITIATE OR EXPAND PROJECTS IN LESOTHO. CU GRANTS- IN- AID COULD BE WELL UTILIZED BY MISSION.

D. PEACE CORPS: PEACE CORPS IN LESOTHO ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN MIDDLE- LEVEL MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT. STRONG PC EMPHASIS ON COUNTERPART TRAINING AND UPGRADING OF SKILLS OF BASOTHO, PLUS PHILOSOPHY THAT AIM OF EACH PCV IS TO WORK HIMSELF OUT OF A JOB, MAKES STRONG IMPRESSION ON YOUNG AND RISING ELITES IN AND OUT OF GOVERNMENT. IMPORT OF PC PROGRAM IS HIGH.

IV. RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF YOUTH

A. MEDIUM

B. EXPLANATION: NEW EDUCATED ELITE BEING CREATED WHICH IS MOVING INTO GOVERNMENT AND PROFESSIONAL SPHERES. MANY OF PRESENT SENIOR CIVIL SERVANTS, WITH WHOM MISSION EJOYS EXTENSIVE CONTACT, ARE ALSO YOUNG, WELL- EDUCATED, AND CAN BE EXPECTED TO REMAIN IN SENIOR POSITIONS FOR CONSIDERABLE TIME TO COME. THIS PARTIALLY OFFSET, HOWEVER, BY AVENUES FOR ADVANCEMENT CREATED BY LOCALIZATION PROGRAM.

BASOTHO WELCOME CONTACTS WITH OFFICIAL AND NON- OFFICIAL AMERI-
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CANS AND NO RPT NO MAJOR EFFORT IS REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH CONTACT. ALSO NO MAJOR CHANGE IN ATTITUDES OF BASOTHO IS REQUIRED.

C. RESOURCES FOR YOUTH AND POTENTIAL LEADERS.

1. PERSONNEL TIME

(A) 10 PER CENT - 4 MAN- MONTHS PER YEAR.

(B) ALLOCATION OF (A).

CONTACT WORK	40 PER CENT
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REPORTING	20 PER CENT
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PROGRAM WORK	40 PER CENT
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(C) DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITY BY AGENCY:

STATE	30 PER CENT
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USIA	50 PER CENT
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AID	20 PER CENT
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2 PROGRAM RESOURCES

CU BUDGET	20 PER CENT
USIA BUDGET	20 PER CENT
AID BUDGET	20 PER CENT

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